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SUBJ: IMCO: COUNCIL AND MSC ENLARGEMENT

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1. WE PASSED REFTEL MESSAGE TO IMCO SYG GOAD. GOAD SAID THAT HE THOUGHT COUNCIL WOULD HAVE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REFER PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION OF COUNCIL AND MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE TO ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT ASSEMBLY, OF COURSE, LIKELY TO ENDORSE PROPOSAL. GOAD HINTED HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE AFTER ASSEMBLY TO UNDERTAKE DRAFTING WORK NECESSARY TO PUT PROPOSAL IN FORM FOR EVENTUAL IMPLEMENTATION.

2. SUBSTANCE OF NETHERLANDS INITIATIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

IMCO HAS EXCEEDED ORIGINAL EXPECTATIONS IN TERMS BOTH IN NUMBER AND CHARACTER OF MEMBERS. AT OUTSET, IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT ONLY NATIONS WITH VESTED INTEREST IN MARITIME AFFAIRS WOULD BECOME MEMBERS BUT MANY LDCS HAVE JOINED AND DEMONSTRATED ACTIVE INTEREST. IN 1964, WHEN IMCO MEMBERSHIP STOOD AT

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54, ASSEMBLY APPROVED INCREASE FROM 16 TO 18 IN

COUNCIL TO REFLECT INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY LDCS. SINCE 1964, MEMBERSHIP HAS GROWN FROM 54 TO 80, INCLUDING 48 LDCS. THIS MEANS THAT AT PRESENT 60 PER CENT OF MEMBERS OCCUPY ONLY FOUR OUT OF 18 SEATS ON COUNCIL. TO CORRECT SITUATION, NETHERLANDS PROPOSES THAT ARTICLES 17 AND 18 OF THE IMCO CONVENTION BE AMENDED TO INCREASE COUNCIL SIZE TO 21 MEMBERS, NINE OF THOSE MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED ON CRITERIA IN ARTICLE 18(C).

FOR SAME KIND OF REASONS, NETHERLANDS PROPOSES EXPANSION OF MSC. IT NOTES THAT OTHER IMPORTANT COMMITTEES SUCH AS LEGAL, FACILITATION, TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND THE PROPOSED MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE ARE OPEN TO PARTICIPATION BY ALL IMCO MEMBERS. NETHERLANDS SUGGESTS, THEREFORE, THAT MSC ALSO BE ALLOWED AN OPEN-ENDED MEMBERSHIP.

NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 17 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE, ITS PROPOSALS BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SEVENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 12.

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